

SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1989

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
Stan Adams
Kirk Forbush
John S. Larsen
Roger Stanworth
Sheldon Proctor
Phill Nielson
Clark J. Wall
Virge Brown
F. Dwight Malmgren
Roger Walker
Ray J. Owens
Sheldon H. Talbot

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights
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Central Utah Water Dist.

The meeting was held on Jan. 26, 1989, in Richfield, Utah, at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Roger Stanworth conducted. Lee Sim read the minutes of the 1988 meeting. A motion was made by Phill Nielson and seconded by Dwight Malmgren to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried. Lee Sim read the financial report. He stated the computer system is working fine for the accounts on the system. In the future the CUWCD will be billed directly for the San Pitch River so the money won't be coming into the Sevier River account. Lee explained the efforts that have been taken this past year to collect the accounts that were more than two years delinquent. He explained the options available to the State Engineer to collect delinquent accounts. The best and most economical option seems to be locking the headgate to prevent use of the water. We have submitted a bill to the legislature to be able to collect attorney and court costs. The last year's delinquent accounts were discussed. A motion was made by Virge Brown and seconded by Sheldon Proctor to accept the financial report. The motion carried.

Roger Stanworth talked about meeting with Congressman Wayne Owens in his office two weeks ago concerning funding of the CUP. The environmental concerns for fish is apparently what may kill the remainder of the project. Mr. Owens has agreed to meet with the Sevier River Water Users on Feb. 10th in Richfield. Roger asked for all in attendance to tell their boards to be present at this meeting.

Sheldon Talbot explained the items the Central Utah Water Conservancy District has been working on. CUWCD wants the open canal system through Juab County changed to a closed conduit with a capacity of 150 cfs which could make 70,000 to 75,000 acre-feet of water available at Sevier Bridge Reservoir. If this could happen then the water that is needed for the fishery could be taken care of with enough left for exchange on the Sevier. Roger Stanworth said it would only cost \$35,000,000 to deliver water from Utah County to Sevier Bridge Reservoir. The cost of water would range between \$8.00 and \$12.60 per acre foot for O&M at Sevier Bridge. Sheldon Talbot said the cost of water would be \$2.00 per acre-feet plus O&M. He said maintenance cost for the pipeline would

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be ~~zero~~ ^{negligable} as compared to the open channel.

A motion was made by Clark Wall and seconded by Phill Nielson to hold the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 10th to hear Wayne Owens. The motion carried. Sheldon Talbot agreed to meet at 11:30 on the 10th with anyone interested to go over figures that he has on costs of the water. Roger Hansen of the Bureau of Reclamation wants 10 minutes of time on the 10th to discuss Real-Time stations for the water management program.

Ray Owens gave his commissioners report. He said the article in the Richfield Reaper about the water supply was misleading. He said the snow pack is better from Kimberly north than on the head of the system. Piute Reservoir should be full in about 45 to 60 days and Otter Creek Reservoir should be full in about a month. We should have sufficient water for all needs.

Roger Walker gave his commissioners report. He said we are exactly the same now as we were a year ago on Sevier Bridge. We should be okay for water supply. Sevier Bridge may be 10,000 to 15,000 acre-feet shy by April 1st.

Sheldon Talbot reported on the progress of the studies the State of Utah is doing on simulating the river for a fair assumption with respect to the benefits of project water. The studies are about complete. They need to set down with the river commissioners to go over the results and then meet with the users on the river to see if they are satisfied with the results. The COWCD is planning to have water into Sevier Bridge by 1996.

Roger Walker is retiring on April 1, 1989. Roger's son Jim Walker has submitted his application for the position of Lower Sevier River commissioner. Roger has agreed to train Jim at no cost to the river system. Those present reviewed the resume submitted by Jim and unanimously supported Jim for the job. The motion was made by Phill Nielson and seconded by Clark Wall to recommend Jim Walker for the Lower Sevier River Water Commissioner to the State Engineer. The motion carried.

The commissioners were dismissed from the meeting and the budget for 1989 was discussed. A motion was made by Phil Nielson and seconded by Sheldon Proctor to set the commissioner's salaries at \$20,600.00 each. This is a 3.0% increase over the previous year. The motion carried. A motion was made by Sheldon Proctor and seconded by Virge Brown to limit the commissioners' mileage allowance to \$17,000.00. The motion carried.

The remainder of the budget was set with the mileage being paid at the rate of \$0.26 per mile. A motion was made by Clark Wall and seconded by Phill Nielson to set the 1989 budget at 86,000.00 with the 1989 assessment set at \$82,000.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Virge Brown and seconded by Sheldon Proctor to recommend Ray Owens for the Upper Sevier River Commissioner. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Virge Brown and seconded by Clark Wall to state a resolution of appreciation for Roger Walkers' 24 years of service as the Lower Sevier River Water Commissioner. The motion carried.

Lee Sim explained the new procedure of the State Engineer which allows the commissioners to put their water use data directly into the State Engineers computer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.